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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
REQUEST FOR FILING APPLICATION UNDER RULE 5

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.53(b), please file a ☐ continuation/☒ divisional  
of the pending prior PATENT APPLICATION of:

Inventor: KANBE et al

Serial No. 09/671,125

Filed: September 28, 2000

For: **ERASING DEVICE FOR LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY IMAGE AND LIQUID CRYSTAL  
DISPLAY DEVICE INCLUDING THE SAME**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This request for filing under Rule 53(b) is made by the following named inventor(s) (using the above-identified title):

Inventor(s): KANBE et al

Atty Dkt.: 1035-281 /371

C# M#

Date: March 6, 2002

Group: 2673

Examiner: Nguyen, Jimin

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- ☒ Attached is a true copy of the prior application as originally filed including the specification, claims, Oath/Declaration and drawings (if any) and abstract (if any). No amendments (if any) referenced in the Oath or Declaration filed to complete the prior application introduced new matter.
- ☒ Priority is hereby claimed under 35 USC 119 based on the following foreign applications, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application:

**Application Number**

**Country**

**Day/Month/Year/Filed**

8-315309

Japan

26 November 1996

9-206840

Japan

31 July 1997

☐ certified copy(ies) of foreign application(s) attached or

☒ already filed on November 19, 1997 in prior appln. no. 08/974,496 filed Nov. 19, 1997

☐ already filed in filed

Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line: -- This application claims the benefit of U.S.

Provisional Application No.                     , filed                     , the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.--

☒ The prior application is assigned to Sharp Kabushiki Kaisha.

☒ Power of Attorney has been granted to Jeffry H. Nelson et al, Reg. No. 30,481 of Nixon & Vanderhye P.C., 1100 N. Glebe Rd., 8<sup>th</sup> Flr, Arlington, VA 22201.

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☒ Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line --This is a division of application Serial No.

09/671,125, filed September 28, 2000, now pending, which is a division of application Serial No. 08/974,496, filed

November 19, 1997, now U.S. Patent No. 6,151,016 the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.--

☐ "Small entity" statement of record. ☐ "Small entity" statement attached.

☒ Petition filed in prior application to extend its life to insure copendency.

☒ The Examiner's attention is directed to the prior art cited in the parent application by applicant and/or Examiner for the reasons stated therein.

☒ Please enter the attached and/or below preliminary amendment prior to calculation of filing fee:

**Cancel claims 1 through 17, 19, 21, 22, 24 through 30, 32, 34 through 39 and 42 through 44.**

☒ The entire disclosure of the prior application above-referenced is considered as being part of the disclosure of this new application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

**FILING FEE IS BASED ON CLAIMS AS FILED LESS ANY HERewith CANCELED**

Basic Filing Fee				\$	740.00
Total effective claims	7	- 20 (at least 20) =	0	x \$	0.00
Independent claims	2	- 3 (at least 3) =	0	x \$	0.00
If any proper multiple dependent claims now added for first time, add \$280.00 (ignore improper)				\$	0.00
				<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	\$ 740.00
If "small entity," then enter half (1/2) of subtotal and subtract				-\$	(0.00)
				<b>SECOND SUBTOTAL</b>	\$ 740.00
Assignment Recording Fee (\$40.00)				\$	0.00
				<b>TOTAL FEE ENCLOSED</b>	\$ 740.00

Any future submission requiring an extension of time is hereby stated to include a petition for such time extension. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fee(s) filed, or asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our **Account No. 14-1140**. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

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